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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name McDonald, Emmett, House
other names/site number Resource #WH1636

2. Location

street & number County Road 443 not for publication N/A
city, town McRae vicinity
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72102

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

name of related multiple property listing:
Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 80. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Cathryn St. Buford 5-13-90
Signature of certifying official Date
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Vernacular/ Gable Entry

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick
walls novelty siding
asphalt roll
roof asphalt shingle
other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE
SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

c. 1935
1935-39

Significant Dates

c. 1935
N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

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Description

During the Boom and Bust Era (1914-1939) in White County a variety of vernacular houses were constructed. They were also built out of a variety of materials. Surviving examples from this period, however, are somewhat limited. The Emmett McDonald House is a good example of a one-story gable-entry structure that is of frame construction and clad with novelty siding. The rear addition has been covered with brick patterned asphalt roll. The gable roof is covered with composition shingles and the entire structure rests on brick piers.

Located on the north side of County Road 443 one-quarter mile east of County Road 447, this building was constructed one and one-half miles southeast of McRae's commercial district. The Emmett McDonald House was constructed c. 1935 and is in good condition. Its main, or south elevation is dominated by a porch that stretches across most of the facade. This porch has a gable roof that is supported by wooden box columns that rest on brick piers. Other porch details include simple wooden brackets at the eaves; these are mirrored on the original house as well. Two single asymmetrically placed doors access the front porch. Facade fenestration consists of asymmetrically placed paired four-over-one double-hung wood sash windows. Similar light arrangements are found on the rest of the windows on the original house. These windows, however, are symmetrically arranged either by themselves, paired or in ribbon arrangements. Single brick chimneys rise from both the eastern and western slopes of the gable roof. The only addition to the structure is found on the north elevation of the house and has a shed roof. Fenestration found on the addition consists of symmetrically placed four-over-four double-hung wood sash windows in either single or paired arrangement. Single symmetrically placed doors relieve the north and west elevations of the addition.

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Significance

The Emmett McDonald House is significant because it was one of the first Farmers Home Administration (FHA) houses built in the McRae area; it is the only known extant example in the county. The FHA was just one of numerous New Deal programs initiated by President Roosevelt. This program was designed to provide financial help to needy farmers and is still in operation today.

This house is also significant because when it was built, c. 1935, it was one of many gable-entry houses constructed during the Boom and Bust Era (1914-1939). The Emmett McDonald House is a good example of this style and therefore contributes to the study of vernacular architecture.

For the above stated reasons this house is being nominated under both Criteria A and C with local significance.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the northern edge of County Road 443 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the western elevation of the house and located 50 feet to the west thereof; proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the northern elevation of the house; thence proceed easterly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the eastern elevation of the house; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with the northern edge of County Road 443; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

The original lot has been subdivided during the non-historic period, resulting in an indefinite current lot boundary; therefore, this boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.







